PROSPECTS FOR A CLUB.

WALTERHEWETT REASSERTS THAT THERE WILL BE ONE.

But His Inactivity is Disheartening to the Lovers of Baseball—Promises of a Successful Hacing Organiza-tion—Turf Notes—Puglistic Items,

"So far as I am concerned," said Mr. Hewett, resterday, "Washington will be in the League during the coming season. I do not see how the League can do anything else than make up a schedule for ten clubs. Brush of the Indianapolis Club will not sell, and I do not see how they are going to force

abyone out.
"Still," continued Mr. Hewett, "I know nothing more about the feeling of the other League members than I read in the papers. What they are going to do I cannot predict, and I am waiting

for the meeting to find out.

'Until the League meets very little will be done. Things are so unsettled at present that we have done as much as practicable and now have got to wait and ascertain where we stand. You may rest assured, however, that it will not be my fault if Washington is not represented in the League.

This is about the strongest assurance that the Washington public can have concerning the prospects of a League club in this city during the next season and such an assurance is certainly very unsatisfactory to all lovers of the sport A month ago the Washington Club was in exactly the same position it occupies now, but a month ago there was still time for preparation. Now the baseball season is rapidly approaching and in another week will be inaugurated in the South, with most of the League and Brotherhood teams, fully organized in the field. Washington alone has nothing or very little to show as the nucleus of a team

The exhibition of inactivity that Mr. Hewett has shown would of itself dis-courage say but the most enthusiastic of his adherents. His grounds are but an extensive waste: his players, if good at all, are untried and without record. while the stability of his franchise is in an exceedingly precarious condition. Washington has always been the weak-est club in the League, but it was never so weak in comparison with the other clubs as at present. All the other clubs are in good form. Even Indianapolisis ready to take the field. Washington

alone has done nothing.

If Mr. Hewitt expects to remain in the League after the 4th of March, when the League meets next, he will certainly have to make some very energetic efforts in order to put his club on a footing anywhere near an equality with the other clubs. For the present attitude, however, he cannot be blamed, but the natural inference to be drawn from it is that he does not expect to remain in the League. Months ago the baseball authorities doubted whether or not the League would make up a sched-ule for tenclubs, but then the Brotherhood was not by any means a success, and the League magnates believed that

the rebellious players would be forced into subjection by a judicial decision.

Now, however, the conditious have changed. The Brotherhood has not only carried everything before it, but the League members have practically abandoned the fight, and are now preparing to enter into active competition with the new organization for public patronage. The necessity for strong clubs in good baseball towns is, therefore, greater than ever before, and the men who are in the baseball business "for money" want no incumbrances.
That ten clubs would be an incumrance every one believes, and whatever doubts have been entertained regarding the matter must have been dispelled by the recent utterances of Mr. Day.

We will be better able to compete with the Brotherhood with but eight clubs in the organization," Mr. Day says, and what is to Mr. Day's interest is also to the interest of every other club in the League. Accordingly, if any are to be forced out, as doubtless will be the case, it will be the weakest clubs, and it requires little knowledge to see which these are.

If the League were content to fall into a secondary position and become a minor organization covering the smaller towns, then Washington's value would be considerable, but under existing circumstances it is the weakest point in the circuit, and will doubtless be the

first to go.

Work on the new grounds, which was to have been begun this week, has been again postponed until next week, Mr. Hewett says, but probably until after the League meeting.

On the Turf.

The work on the new race track at Bennings has been progressing rapidly, and long before the time for the spring meeting arrives everything will be in readiness. What now remains to be done is to secure entries, and for this purpose President Draney, probably accompanied by Secretary McIntyre, will go over to New York, either this week or next, to ascertain what horsemen will be willing to run here, and to urge upon them the advantages of the track for spring training.

The club proposes to give in purses \$2,500 each day of the meeting, and this sum should be a sufficient inducement for horse owners to leave Gutten berg and Clifton. The difficulty tha the directors are likely to experience in this particular is due to the lateness of the season when their preparations were begun. Had the club gone to work last fall and accomplished what has been done during the past two weeks the success of the meeting would have been by this time assured.

They would have had the benefit of a winter's advertising; the horsemen would have been familiar with their plans, and the public would have had time to assure themselves that the new club not only proposed to take the place of the old one, but to surpass it in every-thing pertaining to this form of sport, However, this was not done, and the club has got to make its start under circumstances which, while likely to culminate successfully, are still not as favorable as might be desired.

It is the intention of the club to be-

gin its spring meeting early in April and to close it a week before the open-ing of either the Westchester or Brook-lyn tracks, and the fall meeting after the other large tracks have closed. This plan will enable the horse owners o open and close the season here with out interfering in any way with their plans regarding Brooklyn, Westchester, Saratoga or Sheepshead. This will un-doubtedly meet with approval from the owners, when they are once certain that the track is to be a success, but at present they hardly know of its ex-istence, and President Drainey will have to exert himself to the utmost to

accure their co-operation.

In this, however, he will be greatly assisted by Secretary McIntyre. As Secretary of the Brooklyn Club, and former secretary of the National Jockey Club, Mr. McIntyre is as widely and as favorably known among turfmen as any man in this country and his connection with the managements of the new track will do more to bring it to the savorable consideration of owners than would any amount of financial back-

be in competition are Clifton and Guttenberg, and with the shadow of sus-picion that rest upon the events there t is not likely that this existence would at all affect the meetings here. Jack Sheehan, a well known sporting man from New York, who knows the racing publics as well as any man can, said in this connection: "If the club hangs up good purses and gets the horses here. ole will come over from New k in preference to going to er Guttenberg or Clifton. either Guttenberg or Clifton, It only costs \$6 to come over here, and they can live here as cheaply as in New When it comes to a question of sing between good square races and those at the other two tracks it is not hard to predict which way the choice will be, and I am satisfied that the betting men will desert Clifton and Guttenberg for Washington if the club

only manages rightly.

Should Mr. Sheehan's prediction prove correct, as it probably will, it is not unlikely that when the fall meeting opens it will be continued as far into the winter as the weather will permit.

The character of the horses that are now running at Clifton and Guttenberg shows how kindly the horsemen take to chance to win their winter's oats, one of the prominent owners, however, like the half-mile tracks, and if the Washington track were in operation there is little question that the best of the horses would be found upon it.

The only man that Sullivan has not vanquished, who has any claim to standing within the class of pugilists that the champion leads was exhibited to the public last week, and the unani-mous opinion of the judges in their own vernacular was that Jackson is not in it. While it is extremely difficult to judge a man's fighting ability from a sparring exhibition, still the authorities in such matters were rather disappointed in Peter Jackson, and do not think that he will be able to cope with the big Bostonian any better or as well as did Kilrain.

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Jackson is exceedingly clever in warding off blows, is light on his feet and gets away with ease and rapidity; but to judge from appearances his blows do no compare with those of Sullivan in force. His strong point, when pitted against ordinary fighters, is his long "reach." It gives him a great advantage over men of equal strength, and it was doubtless due to this that he was able to knock out McAuliffe. He might, it is admitted, be able to ston He might, it is admitted, be able to stop the champion's rushes also, with those long arms of his, but it is not considbetween the two, the money of the Washington sporting men, will all be on the "big fellow."

Despite all the talking done by the local pugilists all of the talked-of matches have fallen through, with the exception of that between Mike Reidy of this city and Collins of Wilmington. This will take place in about three weeks and will be a good fight. Reidy is training hard and says he is confident of success. Neither of the men are known in fighting circles to any extent, but they are both strong, clever fellows, who are fighting because they like it more than for any pecuniary benefit they expect to derive from the contest. Reidy has won several glove contests, and also defeated Ridney of Philadel-phia in a bare-knuckle fight that took place last summer at River View. Jim-mie Keenan, the Baltimore light-weight,

this city, which is to take place now in a week or two.

Keenan writes to THE CRITIC that if he wins his fight with Monohan he will face the winner of the Young-Fielden match. In this, however, Keenan is aiming at an impossibility, owing to the fact that the fight between Young and Fielden is not likely ever to occur. Fielden, after waiting patiently for Young to cover his forfeit of \$50, has drawn down his money and will now look about him for more willing "game" than Young has proved himself to be. If Keenan will accommodate him after his fight with Monohan Fielden will be

has a fight on with Jonnie Monahau of

ready to meet him. The unexpected termination of the glove fight between Kilrain and Corbett of the Olympia Club of San Francisco, which took place in New Orleans last week, furnished a genuine sensation in sporting circles. Whether or not Kilrain was in condition, Corbett's victory tasks by the condition of the glove figure and the glove figure figure and the glove figure figure and the glove figure figure figure and the glove figure bett's victory has brought him suddenly into the front rank of pugilists, and already he is being spoken of as a pos-

sible aspirant for the championship. Parson Davies says of him: "He is an Parson Davies says of him: "He is an exceedingly good man, weighs 200 pounds and over and is very clever. He has won the only fights he has had, and, in my opinion, is likely to win a lot more. He is young and in splendid condition always, and might whip anyone, even Sullivan."

Before he is given an opportunity to try issues with any one else, however, Corbett is to be given another chance at Kilrain. The belief that Kilrain, who, by the way, seems generally to be out

by the way seems generally to be out of condition, was not as good as he might have been, has caused the Southern Athletic Club to determine on another match between the two.

The club will offer a purse of \$3,500, and the number of rounds will not be limited, so that a fair opportunity will be had of determining the merits of the two men. Kilrain will be handled by Muldoon, and will give that gentleman a chance to demonstrate whether or not his scientific course of training, which it was claimed won the fight for Sullivan, is so vastly superior to Charlie Mitchell's, following the traditions of

the prize ring.

Much interest was evinced last week in Washington, in the Dempsey-Mc-Carthy fight, and now that Dempsey has again proven himself the foremost middle weight in the world his admir-ers here are already willing to bet that he can whip "The Marine" when they come together again. This, however, is rather premature, if not ill-advised. There is no doubt of Jack's superiority over other middle weights, but, like all other fiddless he will like her all other fighters, he will likely be forced to confine his victories to those within

Several Sporting Notes. The Washington Jockey Club has arranged its programme for the spring meeting, which will open on April 1 and continue five days. There will be five races each day for purses of \$500 each. On the first and third days there will be a hurdle race, and on each of the other days a handicap. The fifth race on the fourth day will be for gen-

tiemen riders. Harry Daly, a well-known runner and sparrer from New York, is in the city, and offers to make a match with any local sprinter for a 100-yard dash for from \$250 to \$500 a side, or a 250-yard burdle race for the same money. Frank Woods, who also has some pretensions as a runner, is preparing for a 100-yard race with an unknown

ontestant for \$50 a side. The Sporting Times is the authority for the statement that Detroit offered President Hewett \$15,000 for his fran-

Manager Mutrie of the New Yorks will take his club south on Febru-

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ATHLETIC MR. MORTON.

HE SEEKS MEMBERSHIP IN THE CO-LUMBIA CLUB.

Amateur Organizations Preparing for the Coming Season—Baseball and Lacrosse—Potomae and Analostan Clubs-Beat Racing.

The managers of the Columbia Athletic Club are not letting time es-cape without availing themselves of it to make complete and extensive ar-rangements for the summer sports. Under the energetic management of Sam Stinemetz, the director of ath-letics, the club has arleady organized baseball and La Crosse teams, and are now making dates for games with col-lege and other clubs to take place early in the season. Arrangements have been made with the Lehigh and Lafayette College clubs for baseball games early in April, which are to be followed by

a La Crosse game with the team from Johns Hopkins University. A number of new members have been taken into the club, and among them are some very promising players. Herbert Dickinson, known to his friends as "Tubby," is one of the re-cent acquisitions. He is a man from whom Captain Stinemetz expects great work. Dickinson is a good all-round athlete, an excellent oarsman, a good tennis player, a boxer and sprinter, but

his stronghold is baseball.

Were he not fond of his amateur standing, Dickinson would have been a professional long ago. His position on the diamond is behind the bat, and there he excels. He is an excellent thrower, a good batter, and runs bases

as well as could be desired.
Other men who will probably play on the ball teams are J. B. Green, a new member; Butterworth, Burke, Bolway, Beall, Wade, King, Wells, Throckmorton and Jones. They are all good players, and will put up a game that will be hard to best. will be hard to beat.

Another new member, but one who is

not likely to take a very active part in the games, is Vice-President Morton. As yet he is not exactly a member, but his application for membership has been received, and will certainly be favorably acted upon.

The club has now on its list of mem-

bers a large number of the most prominent men in the city, and the admission of the Vice-President will form but an addition to the number of well-known imes already on the list.

While the matter has not been fully settled yet, it is nevertheless almost certain that the club will have as instructor during the coming season J. T. Cross-ley of New York, an all-round athlete, who is strongly recommended by all the athletic clubs in New York City. Crossley has an excellent record as a runner and gymnast, and will be an exceedingly valuable man. As instructor in boxing it is likely that Joe Fielden, the young English pugilist, now in this city, will be secured.

The contract for fitting up the gymnasium in the new building has been awarded to the Narragansett Machine Company. The best and latest im-proved apparatus is to be furnished, and everything will be done to make the symnasium complete in every respect f possible the club expects to open the new building on the 6th of next April the anniversary of its organization, and they propose to celebrate the event as

laborately as possible. As yet no plans have been formed, but a committee to take charge of the matter will probably be appointed at the next meeting of the Board of Gov-

The Potomac Athletic Club is still inactive. "We have determined to fix up our grounds," said a member of the Beard of Governors, "and will certainly have a series of out-of-door sports during the summer, but as yet we have not decided upon anything definite. The club is very much interested in having a regatta, and will be joined by the Analostan Club in its arrangements. We hope, also, that the Columbia Club will join with us, but if they do not we'll go ahead alone. We can secure entries from members of outside clubs, and I dare say can have as good a regatta as ever before. It is too early, however, to state anything definite regarding the matter, but we do not propose to see boat-racing on the Potomac abandoned entirely."

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